

shut out and we do not have a voice and we are kept guessing the way we were leading up to the Memorial Day recess, we can play that same game and we can tie this place up and we can create a situation that will be totally unpleasant for everybody else in this Chamber. We prefer not to do that, but we do not want it done to us. I will just leave it at that; and I thank my colleague, and I wish him a very happy and a good weekend.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I appreciate the gentleman's candor, as usual. I will say that there was frustration, of course, on both sides of the aisle with that process; and many Members who waited for those votes and spent the night in their offices probably felt that same frustration. It was the most comprehensive tax legislation in a couple of decades and there were a lot of complications working with the other body, including members of the gentleman's party. But the point is well taken with regard to the frustration.

We, of course, had hoped that we could have kept to a more tight time schedule. It ended up not being possible, given all the complexities of moving the most comprehensive legislation in this area in a generation. But I appreciate the gentleman's comments and, again, his candor, as usual; and I look forward to trying to better work together in the future on these legislative projects.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

————— HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

————— ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2001

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, June 8, 2001, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

————— DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

————— PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TO HAVE UNTIL 5 P.M., JUNE 8, 2001, TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 2052 FACILITATING FAMINE RELIEF EFFORTS AND A COMPREHEN- SIVE SOLUTION TO THE WAR IN SUDAN

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on International Relations have until 5 p.m. tomorrow, June 8, 2001, to file a report to accompany H.R. 2052.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

————— REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1305

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD) as a cosponsor of H.R. 1305.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

————— ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CER- TAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 158) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 158

Resolved, That the following named Members be and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Government Reform: Mr. Duncan.
Science: Mr. Gilchrest.
Small Business: Mr. Shuster.
Transportation and Infrastructure: Mr. Ney to rank after Mr. Baker; Mr. Culberson and Mr. Shuster.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

————— A FOND FAREWELL TO PAGES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to recently have been named chairman of the Page Board; and one of the official duties is to say good-bye to the current page class, which graduates this Friday, which is

tomorrow. So I would like to ask them to come down, I want you to fill in these seats, the first three rows of seats right up here. Come on down.

Mr. Speaker, as a reminder of what we are seeing here, we are seeing 69 pages who hail from throughout the United States and are representative samples of what is good and great and stupendous about America. They are representative of various Members of Congress who have submitted their names. They have endured the arduous year process of actually being employees of the Clerk of the House while attending school, getting to know each other, living together and, as we just heard in the colloquy with the leadership of both sides, the Democrats and Republicans, sometimes enduring very long hours and late nights as they get an opportunity to see the legislative process unfold. Much like sausage, it tastes pretty good, but sometimes the process is something to be desired.

We really appreciate your service; and as I address these comments to the Speaker, he knows also that the work that you do is very important here and the work that you do here is historical. Many things in Washington, D.C. have historical implications. The page class and the operation of pages goes back 200 years. So this is not any fly-by-night operation that just popped up in somebody's mind. Your service has been involved in the founding and the establishment and through the various difficult processes of this constitutional republic, and you have been here with us working and learning and, hopefully, this is not the pinnacle of your career.

Hopefully, this is just one stop along the way that will help you continue to add greatness to this country and greatness to this process and the political system, whether that is being a good citizen, being a concerned voter, diligent on the issues, or being involved in the process. We are going to hear from some of my colleagues who will have greater words of wisdom based upon their experience as maybe former pages who were involved in the process.

But I want you to know that as the chairman of the Page Board that we appreciate your service and we wish you Godspeed.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), the senior member of the Page Board who has been around for many, many years.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. Indeed, I have been a member of the Page Board for many, many years. Tip O'Neill appointed me to the Page Board in, I think, 1980. I have served as chairman and as ranking minority member. It is interesting, on the Page Board, if I am correct, I think every vote we have ever cast on the Page Board has been unanimous. You really have helped unite us. You serve us so well, and we want to serve you very, very well.